

The Hulton County News

McConnellsburg, Pa.

HEALTH AND LONG LIFE.

"All men think all men mortal but themselves," yet all men are constantly seeking the sources of health and means of prolonging their lives, and nothing interests the average man more than to read the statements of persons who have attained great ages, and their version of the means which enabled them to prolong their lives. We have many of these. Moltke, when asked in his ninetieth year how he had maintained his health and activity, answered: "By great moderation in all things, and by regular outdoor exercise." Crispien said that "regularity and abstinence are the secrets of long life." Sydney Cooper also believed in regularity. Leconte attributed his long life to regular exercise, says the Washington Herald. An American nonagenarian, Hon. Neal Dow, of Maine, laid stress on the careful avoidance of fretting or disturbance of the digestive organs, and of exposure to sudden or protracted cold, with insufficient protection against its influence. Cornaro's rule was extreme temperance in eating and moderation in drinking. He took everything that agreed with him and avoided everything which did not. Many others could be named, but the constitutions and organs of men are as varied as their faces, hence no general rule can be laid down. What is meant to one may be poison to another.

Hundreds of thousands of Russians are going to Siberia. But not after the old style, when they were personally conducted by military guards and distributed as convicts among the mines and prisons. Siberia has vast agricultural and other possibilities, and the government in this instance at least is wise enough to encourage the utilization of such resources. It is announced from Russia that the migration to Siberia average about half a million persons yearly. This movement is encouraged by the offer from the government of cheap railroad rates and an allotment of forty-one and a half acres of land to each adult who makes a home in that part of the empire.

The Pennsylvania state board of health reports that the expenditure of \$3,000,000 in four years in the interest of the public health has resulted in saving \$23,000,000 to the commonwealth. This is conservation of a most desirable quality. It goes toward maintaining those greatest resources of a state which lie in a people rich in physical and mental well-being. The Pennsylvania board has fought diphtheria effectively with antitoxin. It has reduced the death rate from consumption, "the white plague," from 134 to 120 per thousand, and is about to do better by adding two new tuberculosis colonies to the one now in operation.

According to late reports Mammoth Cave, that old-time geological wonder, and years ago a close rival to Niagara Falls as a show place, is going out of fashion, and has of late years had but few visitors, says the Boston Evening Transcript. It is now difficult of access by a little dinky railroad and the accommodations afforded by the dilapidated hotel are by no means up to date. It is proposed to ask congress to adopt it as a national reservation, fix things up and make it more accessible and attractive. Perhaps one reason for its decadence is the discovery of other great caverns and natural curiosities fully as wonderful.

A Washington man has been fined for violating the child-labor law because he induced a number of fourteen-year-old boys to engage in a pie-eating contest. Would it not have been more appropriate if he had been punished for cruelty to children?

When a man's wife sticks hampins into him, and tries to suffocate him as he sleeps, the New York courts have decided that he has a right to leave home. The ruling, however, was confirmatory merely, the man having decided first.

One man has been sent to jail for nine months for smuggling at New York. The fact that he was only a musician and not a millionaire makes the lesson less impressive where it is most needed.

A dog that carried in smuggled goods across the Mexican boundary has been spared to be shown in a dog show. If he had been taken to a New York dog show he would probably have brought a fabulous price from the ultra rich.

So the government is going to issue \$75,000,000 worth of \$1 bills to replace \$20 and higher denominations. This ought to increase the chance of getting some.

Fletcher says you should "hold your face down" when you are eating, so that your tongue will hang perpendicularly in your mouth. To do this most comfortably get down on your hands and knees when you eat.

That Illinois man who wants a divorce on the ground that his wife refuses to dress in keeping with the latest fashions because, she says, it is too costly, apparently doesn't know when he is well off.

BRAVE MEN MEET DEATH

Thirty Firemen Caught Under
Falling Walls.

CRUSH OUT LIFE OF TWENTY.

Sudden Collapse of a Wall of Burning Leather Factory Overwhelms Firemen On Adjoining Roof Under a Mass Of Bricks and Twisted Iron Girders — The Escape Of Those Who Were Not Killed Outright Was Almost Miraculous — Rescuers Worked Under Shadow Of Further Catastrophe.

Philadelphia (Special).—Falling walls at the leather factory of the Freeland's Leather Remnants Company buried more than 30 firemen at a fire Wednesday night.

Fire Chief James C. Baxter had a narrow escape and at least 10 of his men were instantly killed as the walls crashed down upon them.

The five-story walls collapsed with a terrible crash and the next instant the voices of the men could be heard calling for assistance as the flames, which were temporarily extinguished, again burst forth among the ruins.

Chief Baxter had entered the burning building to call his men out as he feared that the walls would fall. Just as he stepped within the fire-gutted structure with the order of "All men come out!" the whole building crumbled and fell. The men who are thought to have met instant death were mounted on an extension ladder and 10 of them were seen by hundreds of horrified spectators as they were hurled into the crater.

While the flames had not a moment before lit up the sky, the scene was left in darkness and the electric light wires were cut by the flying debris. For several minutes hundreds stood motionless, overcome by the spectacle, and then, as the flames again leaped up, the cries of the imprisoned men being slowly cremated could be heard.

Hospital ambulances and patrol wagons from all sections of the city were called into play, and the work of rescue begun and scores who were on the outskirts of the building were taken to hospitals.

It was at first thought that Chief Baxter had met instant death, but soon afterward the Chief, bleeding from a dozen wounds, was seen heroically fighting his way out of the burning debris.

CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE.

Takes the Oath As Head Of Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—In the presence of a distinguished gathering in the little courtroom, Edward Douglass White was elevated from associate justice in the Supreme Court of the United States to the chief justiceship.

The climax of the ceremonies occurred when Associate Justice Harlan, as senior member of the court, administered to the new chief justice the judicial oath. It was subscribed to on the bench itself instead of at the clerk's desk, as is ordinarily the case. Chief Justice White, while taking the oath, held in his hand a Bible which has been used by nearly every chief justice and associate justice on similar occasions during the last century, but unlike most of them, he kissed the book at the conclusion of the oath.

For the first time in history an associate justice had been elevated to the chief justiceship and for the first time a president and Senate of one political party had honored a member of a rival party by placing him at the head of the highest court in the land.

Cholera and Revolt.

Lisbon (Special).—A third warship, the cruiser Almirante Reis, was dispatched to Madeira with a strong force of marines to quell the revolt that followed the cholera outbreak on the island. Two warships previously sent with marines have proved unable to cope with the situation which is reported to be daily growing more critical.

Fire in Night Clothes.

Owensboro, Ky. (Special).—One hundred guests of the Rudd House had a narrow escape from death when fire broke out in that hostelry early Tuesday. All had to flee in their night clothes and several were injured in the panic. The loss is \$25,000.

18 Years For Kellher.

Boston (Special).—Big Bill Kellher, implicated with George W. Coleman in misappropriating the funds of the National City Bank, of Cambridge, was sentenced to 18 years in the Charlestown State Prison.

British Elections.

London (Special).—The British general elections ended Monday with polling in a few scattered constituencies and with the government coalition in absolute control. The party totals announced this afternoon were: Liberals, 271; Laborites, 42; Irish Nationalists, 73; Independent Nationalists, 8; Unionists, 272. Coalition majority, 123. In the last Parliament the coalition majority was 124, the government coalition total being 397 and the Unionists 273.

Killed While He Slept.

Detroit, Mich. (Special).—Frank Kniffen, aged 35, was murdered while he slept in his home at Fairview. His skull was crushed with an ax. His wife, Nellie, aged 35, is locked up at police headquarters on a charge of murder. She declares she did not kill her husband. Her four children, Pearl, aged 12; Tommy, aged 10; Dave, aged 8, and Helen, aged 5, are also held at headquarters. They say nothing, and none of them exhibits any grief.

TWELVE DEAD; MANY HURT

Explosion of Gas in the Grand
Central Station.

New York (Special).—The terrible explosion of illuminating gas in the auxiliary power house at the Grand Central Station, which tore at the heart of and sent a tremor along the entire rock backbone of Manhattan Monday morning, caused the death of 11 persons, two of them women, the injury of 125 others and property damage estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

Four persons still missing are believed to be dead. Of the 125 injured 106 were removed to hospitals, and 8 of these may die.

Fire broke out in the shattered ruins of the power house again at night, but with a great corps of police, searchers and firemen on the scene the blaze made little headway before it was checked.

It was a weird scene in and about the station as the night wore on. No additional bodies were found, but in a hospital Gutthier Johnston, an electrician, succumbed to terrible injuries received in the explosion, bringing the death list up to 11.

An investigation by the police, the District Attorney's office and the coroner's office is under way.

Traffic on the New York Central railroad ceased entirely for some hours and was disorganized for the remainder of the day, but the new station itself, now in process of construction, was not damaged.

For some hours it was believed that dynamite alone could have wrought such instantaneous and pulverizing havoc, but late in the afternoon Fire Chief Croker said he was convinced that the whole explosion was due to a mixture of air and illuminating gas, used in lighting railroad cars touched off by an electric spark. The gas had accumulated in the auxiliary powerhouse from a broken pipe snapped off by a runaway passenger car.

Rocked Island's Backbone. The force of the explosion ran north and south for two miles along the rocky ridge that is the backbone of the island, and east and west laterally for a mile.

Foundations were jarred, walls were shaken out of plumb, windows were blown in by the thousand, ceilings came crashing down on the heads of those beneath and the pavements were littered with a fall of pulverized glass that topped the shoe soles.

The loss to the New York Central Railroad Company includes the physical damage done to the powerhouse, which was utterly wrecked, the delay to construction work and the damage done to cars standing near the powerhouse.

The loss to shopkeepers and property owners in the vicinity will spread over a wide range. Christmas displays were blown backward into the shops, sucked into the street or cut to ribbons by flying glass.

Cause Of the Explosion. As nearly as can be determined this is how the accident occurred:

A train load of empty passenger cars, hauled by an electric motor in charge of Albert Seagrout got beyond control of the brakes, crashed into a steel and concrete buffer post, snapped the post off and rammed a pile of lumber behind the post into a two-and-a-half-inch gas main, connecting with the taps from which the tanks of the passenger cars are charged at 250 pounds to the square inch.

300,000 BABIES A YEAR.

Death Toll Exceeds That Of Tuberculosis, Says Doctor.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—"More than 300,000 babies die in this country annually before they have reached the age of one year," declared Dr. J. H. Mason Knox, of Baltimore, president of the First National Conference on Infant Mortality, in an address at the Young Men's Christian Association here.

"Give the baby a chance to grow up," said Dr. Knox. Dr. Knox also gave other information to show that a remedy is needed for the enormous mortality among infants. He said that the number of deaths among infants was twice that of tuberculosis among adults, although the latter was called the "White Plague."

Fire Visits Cincinnati.

Cincinnati (Special).—Two men dead, 17 injured and a loss estimated at \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 are the results of a fire that swept through a number of business structures here, raging for more than five hours. The fire started in the great shoe manufacturing plant of the Krippendorf-O'Neill Company and before it could be checked had spread into the adjoining buildings. A biting cold wind which benumbed the hands of the firemen helped the fire spread.

Three Dead; Score Hurt.

Fairmont, W. Va.—Three men are dead and more than a score burned as the result of an explosion in the Consolidation Coal Company's Middleton mine at Cheifton, near here, and two miles from where hundreds of men lost their lives in the Monongah Mine No. 8, three years ago.

Only about 50 men were working when the explosion occurred. The cause of the explosion has not yet been given out, but it is believed to be a premature shot.

Hurled Into Ravine.

Irwin, Pa. (Special).—A young man and a woman were hurled 90 feet to the bottom of a ravine Sunday morning, when a party of seven, returning from a social, were caught on the Coke Hill bridge by a swiftly moving street car. The five others escaped being hurled from the structure by hanging on to guard rails.

A restaurant to which only women will be admitted has been opened in the Rue St. Jacques, Paris.

THREE HUNDRED MINERS PERISH

A Terrific Explosion in An
English Colliery.

HEROIC EFFORTS MADE BY RESCUERS.

Despairing Families Of the Entombed Men Disperse After the Burial Rites—No Explanation As To the Cause Of the Disaster—Inspector General After Investigation Declares There Is No Hope Of Saving Any Of the Men—Heroic Efforts.

Bolton, England (Special).—More than 300 colliers lost their lives Wednesday in an explosion in the Little Hulton colliery of the Hulton Colliery Company, which is located a little distance outside this city.

The explosion occurred early in the morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit to begin work. Its force was terrific, and later investigation showed that the lower passages had been blocked. Heroic efforts were made by rescue parties all day long, but a fierce fire which followed the explosion prevented the rescuers from penetrating beyond 400 yards into the workings.

At 9.30 o'clock all the rescuers were called out of the mine and a conference was held, at which Government Inspector Gerard, the engineers and the mine manager were present. Inspector Gerard issued a report after making a descent into the pit, in which he stated that it was impossible that any of the miners are still alive. He added that nothing could be done except to bring up 20 bodies found lying near the shaft. This report was communicated to the anxious crowds around the pit mouth, after which the bishop of Manchester conducted a touching service in the open air, and the people slowly dispersed.

No explanation is given as to the cause of the explosion which completely wrecked the mine.

For a time the lives of 700 men were in jeopardy as a mine communicating with the one in which the explosion occurred was also damaged by the shock, and it was sometime before its 400 occupants could be reached and brought to the surface.

The report of the explosion was heard at points several miles distant. This is the second great mine disaster in England this year, an explosion having occurred in the Wellington colliery at White Haven, Cumberland, on May 12, in which 136 miners were killed.

MODESTY COST GIRL LIFE.

Refused To Allow Tourniquet To Be Placed On Limb.

New York (Special).—Because she was too modest to allow the fastening of a tourniquet about her leg, Helen Gorschen, aged 18, died at St. Vincent's Hospital here. Miss Gorschen accidentally stabbed herself in her left leg with a pair of scissors while at work in a clothing factory. Her fellow employees rushed to her assistance, but she refused to permit any one to bind the wound. She soon fainted from loss of blood and was hurried to the hospital. It was too late, however, to save her life, although the house surgeon said she would have recovered had a tourniquet been applied immediately.

1,340,397 More Bales.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—A cotton ginning report issued by the Census Bureau shows 10,698,482 bales, counting round as half bales, gained from the growth of 1910 to December 13, as compared with 9,358,085 for 1909. Round bales included this year are 106,827, as compared with 140,024 for 1909. Sea Island shows 75,170 bales for 1910, as compared with 85,177 in 1909.

Mother Kills Her Baby.

New Orleans (Special).—After swallowing a large dose of carbolic acid at her home here, Mrs. Mary Kadelich lay down on the bed with her lips pressed to those of her five-days-old infant, which she firmly clasped in her arms. When found, the baby was dead as the result of absorbing the fresh acid from her mother's lips, and Mrs. Kadelich was in a dying condition.

Man Baked In Oven.

Philadelphia (Special).—Baked almost beyond recognition, the body of William Folks, aged 28 years, was discovered Wednesday in an oven in the Tansey Brickyard, Frankford, where he was employed. He had been missing since Monday. It is supposed that he crawled into the oven to sleep and when the fire was ignited was roasted to death.

YOUTH KILLED IN QUARRY.

Herbert Stough Died As Rescuers Got Out His Body.

York, Pa. (Special).—Herbert Stough, 18 years old, was crushed to death while at work at the plant of the York Stone and Supply Company. He was engaged in undermining rock in a quarry and was standing on a shelf 15 feet wide when stone and dirt fell upon him.

He died a few minutes after fellow-workmen had dug out his body from the mass of stone.

Judge's Daughter Burned.

Nashville, Tenn. (Special).—Mrs. Martha B. Whitesides, daughter of Judge S. F. Wilson, of the Court of Civil Appeals, was fatally burned at her residence in this city Thursday. She was in the bathroom and had just ignited the gas water heater when her bathrobe was set on fire. Miss Mary Wilson, a younger daughter of Judge Wilson, was painfully burned in attempting to save her sister.

ARSON TO HIDE TRIPLE CRIME

Farmer, Daughter and Grand-
child Slain By Negro.

Oxford, N. C. (Special).—Nathan Montague, the negro arrested for the triple murder and atrocious assault on a white girl and arson following the killing, was rushed to Raleigh in an automobile by Sheriff Samuel Wheeler, so strong was the feeling aroused in the community by the crime, which is the worst that has occurred in the State for the last 20 years. He is a trembling wreck behind the penitentiary walls, fearful of the mob which threatened his life at Durham jail.

The negro murdered J. L. Saunders, an aged white man living in the country near Oxford, his daughter Mary, aged 20, and the man's granddaughter (4 years old), and committed capital assault on the young woman before killing her, placing the bodies in the family's home and setting fire to the house. The bodies, burned to cinders, were found after the fire had died down.

Saunders Killed With Knife.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders visited Oxford Monday, Mr. Saunders returning home and his wife spending the night with relatives here. That night a negro entered the yard, met Mr. Saunders outside the house and killed him with a knife. He next succeeded in outraging the young woman, after which he cut her throat, and then murdered the child when she drew his notice by her pleadings. The burning of the bodies was consummated to hide the crime.

Neighbors discovered the fire shortly after its start and hastened to the scene. None of the family was seen, and it was feared they were burned alive. Pools of blood and a big butcher's knife in the yard caused suspicion to fall on Montague, whose knife it was proved to be, and his arrest followed while he was hiding in the garret of his house. He came tremblingly forth in bloody clothing.

The murdered girl helped neighbors butcher hogs Monday, the negro also assisting, using the identical knife which caused suspicion to fall upon him.

FRAUDS IN SYRUP REFUNDS.

Government Preparing To Prosecute Sugar Men Again.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Customs experts and special agents are investigating abuse of the "drawback" privileges in sugar, and one official declares the revelations promise to put the government in position to recover nearly as much as it did in the underweight cases, when more than \$3,000,000 was paid to the Treasury.

When sugar is imported it pays a duty, and when it is manufactured into a product, and in that form exported, the duty is refunded in the form of a "drawback" except 1 per cent. About \$7,000,000 is paid in that way each year and half that amount is drawn back on exports of sugar and tin.

It is charged that refunds on syrups have been paid on high grades of sugar commanding high duties while, in fact, a very low grade of sugar was being used, and the government has lost large sums in this way.

HORRORS OF THE PLAGUE.

Its Ravages In Mongolia Continue Unchecked.

St. Petersburg (Special).—The correspondent of the Rech at Vladivostok telegraphs that the ravages of bubonic plague in Mongolia are unchecked. Corpses frequently mark the sites of abandoned camps of nomads.

The situation in Manchuria is grave. The German consul at Harbin has addressed a pressing note to the Chinese Taotai demanding that radical measures be taken to stay the epidemic and stating that otherwise Germany will interfere. The municipality of Harbin has invited Japanese physicians to attend the diseased in the barracks, as the Russians refuse to expose themselves.

NEW AVIATION RECORD.

Legagneux's Fine Flight For the Michelin Cup.

Pau, France (Special).—M. Lagagneux, the French aviator, established a new record in the Michelin cup competition Wednesday, remaining in the air from 8.34 o'clock A. M. until 2.35 o'clock P. M., and covering a distance of 516 kilometers, or 320.43 miles. The Michelin cup is awarded annually to the aviator making the longest sustained flight in a closed circle within the year and exceeding the record of the previous year. The winner receives a premium of \$4,000.

FATHERS MARRIED THEM.

Bride and Groom Children Of the Officiating Ministers.

York, Pa. (Special).—A wedding ceremony took place here Wednesday in which the officiating clergymen were fathers of the bride and bridegroom.

Miss Kathleen Tuttle, daughter of Rev. John E. Tuttle, of this city, was married to Paul Willard Norton, of Phoenixville, Chester county, who is a son of Rev. Stephen Allison Norton, of Woodburne, Mass.

Mother Saved By Small Son.

Macon, Ga. (Special).—While an unknown intruder, a white man, wrestled with his mother in their home, on the outskirts of Macon, Wichita Smith, 12 years old, seized his father's shotgun and blew the stranger's head off.

The Chilian exports for the first seven months of 1910 amounted to \$55,966,135, against \$51,784,813 for 1909. The gain was almost entirely in nitrate of soda.

BURIED UNDER FALLING WALLS

Two Entire Companies of Chicago
Fire Department Dead.

CHIEF MARSHAL HORAN ON THE LIST

Horan Predicted Just Such a Catastrophe Only Twelve Hours Before He Perished—Morris & Co.'s New Beef House Destroyed By Blaze—Explosion Causes Structure To Crumble.

Chicago (Special).—Fire Marshal James Horan and 30 of his comrades gave up their lives in a disaster here Thursday that the veteran fire-fighters had feared for years—a stockyards holocaust.

Just 12 hours after the fire chief had warned the Council Committee on Buildings that more fire-fighting appliances were at once needed at the stockyards he had been trapped and two entire companies of firemen had been wiped out in just such a fire as he had predicted.

Fifteen firemen were seriously injured, including two captains, who may die.

The flames completely destroyed the new beef house of the Morris & Co. plant at the yards, spread to several smaller structures and for hours threatened to sweep the entire yards. Property was destroyed aggregating nearly \$500,000.

Crippled by the loss of their leader and the greatest loss of life in the fire department since the cold-storage tower disaster of World's Fair times, the firemen fought on the entire day and into the night, finally checking the spread of the flames.

Killed Without Warning.

The firemen with Chief Horan in their midst were killed without a moment's warning while endeavoring to reach the seat of the fire in the blazing structure. There was an explosion, but it was not of an ammonia tank, as at first supposed. The explosion was declared to have been due to the expansion of the cold atmosphere in the air-tight cold-storage house.

The list of dead includes the chief, the assistant chief, 2 captains, 5 lieutenants, 13 city firemen, 2 private firemen and a railroad employee.

Like Iroquois Disaster.

Not since the days following the Iroquois Theatre tragedy, which, like the disaster of today, was a holiday time horror, have such pathetic scenes attended a fire in Chicago.

The bodies of victims were taken to undertaking rooms on West Forty-third street, near the fire. Widows and children of the dead men, white-faced and frantic, crowded into the place. The bodies were so badly mutilated in most cases that the police would not permit relatives to view them. In several instances women struggled with policemen in attempts to see their dead.

Major Busse, greatly affected by the death of Chief Horan, called a special meeting of the City Council, which convened late in the afternoon. A committee of 15 Aldermen was selected to take charge of relief work for the families of the dead and to make funeral arrangements.

At the same time a meeting of business men was held at the Chicago Club, at which it was agreed that \$150,000 should be raised for the widows and orphans. Pledges of \$50,000 were received in a few minutes. Theatre managers also prepared to hold benefit performances.

FARMER FOUND SHOT DEAD.

Bloody Hatchet In Another Building and Robbery Suspected.

West Chester, Pa. (Special).—Richard Mercer, a bachelor farmer, 55 years old and a veteran of the Civil War, was found dead on a lounge in his home, four miles from this borough, by several neighbors, who, suspecting something wrong, entered the house.

There was a pistol shot wound in the head and the police are in doubt whether he died by his own hand or was murdered. A bloody hatchet was found in an adjoining building.

It is supposed that the farmer had some funds in the house, which shows evidence of having been ransacked, and that the fact of the money being kept there was known to some one in the neighborhood.

Lamp Drops In Powder.

Greensburg, Pa. (Special).—Six persons were burned, one probably fatally in Export, a mining town, by an explosion in the home of Charles Smith, a coal miner. A group was sitting in a room in Smith's home, when a large lamp, suspended from the ceiling by a chain, fell into a keg of blasting powder.

Adjourned For the Holidays.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Congress has adjourned for the holiday recess until January 5.

Fletcher says you should "hold your face down" when you are eating, so that your tongue will hang perpendicularly in your mouth. To do this most comfortably get down on your hands and knees when you eat, explains the Chicago Record-Herald.

Australians are considering the project of holding a great international exhibition to illustrate to the world the natural and industrial resources of their country.

STATE CAPITAL CHAT

Harrisburg Correspondence.
Against Commission Plan.

The league of cities of the third class of Pennsylvania, in special session here voted down a proposition to recommend to the Legislature the enactment of a law providing a commission form of government for such municipalities. A proposal that the Law Committee discuss the subject with the committee of allied civic bodies was also defeated.

After this action a motion was unanimously adopted that the Legislature name a commission to ascertain the best form of government for cities of the third class, in the hope that some way will be found to meet the numerous objections which are being made to the present third class city acts.

To bridge over until the time a general third class code can be framed, the Law Committee was instructed to prepare such bills for submission to the coming Legislature as will make the laws conform to the constitutional requirements recently enacted. This will include a provision for election of city assessors for four-year terms on a basis so that one member will always hold over. The convention declined to recommend any changes in the personal registration and other election laws.

The convention lasted all day and closed with a banquet tendered to the delegates at night. Eighty delegates were present, representing all but five of the cities of the class.

The delegates were welcomed by Governor Stuart and Mayor E. S. Meals, of Harrisburg, and Mayor H. A. McKean, president of the Third Class City League, responded.

Adulterated Mine Meat.

Investigations by agents of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner are alleged to have developed two new forms of food adulteration in Pennsylvania. One of the discoveries happens to concern mince meat, which in many cases it is suspected contains no meat at all.

Commissioner Foust has been receiving complaints from people who have been purchasing mince meat that the delicious filling for the traditional pies of the Christmas season contained various concoctions, but very little of a substantial nature. Samples were ordered taken in Philadelphia, Pittsburg and a number of other places and analyses are now being made.

The other form of adulteration appears to affect buckwheat flour. From samples taken in Pittsburg it was shown that the article labelled buckwheat flour contains about twenty per cent. of wheat flour. Flour has also been found to be the constituent part of some sausage sampled in Schuylkill county, being used as a substitute for meat.

Compensation Of Judges.

Deputy Attorney General Cunningham has given an opinion to Auditor General Sisson on methods of paying Associate Judges, which will cause a change in the manner of compensating such officers. The question arose because of a bill rendered by one of the Associate Judges of Wyoming county.

The law allows \$5 per day for each day employed in discharge of official duties, but it appeared that some of the thirty-eight Associate Judges had been charging the per diem for appearing at the county seat to approve bonds and other routine business and not for holding court alone.

Mr. Cunningham holds, in the